

A proposed research study involving the selection and procurement, preliminary evaluation (source of material-comprehensiveness-apparent validity as established by cross checking with all other available sources), and detailed analysis of technological developments in photography and aerial photography including lenses, cameras, shutters, films, emulsions, etc. in the U.S.S.R. be undertaken by recognized U.S. experts in these fields.

A considerable amount of information in the form of new data is now available and much more can be obtained from open sources if concentrated effort is arranged. In addition to this, correct material on these subjects should be made available, and taken into account in the course of this study. It is quite evident from preliminary studies of a generalized nature conducted in connection with other projects that unusual progress has been made in these fields in a comparatively short period in the U.S.S.R. It is the purpose of this proposed project to determine as precisely as possible the correct status of these developments and compare them with our own, in order that our technological efforts may be accelerated, in areas in which we are deficient, possible revised should the results of this study indicate such action is advisable, or definitely determine those areas, should they be proven to exist, where our own progress is currently ahead of the U.S.S.R.

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